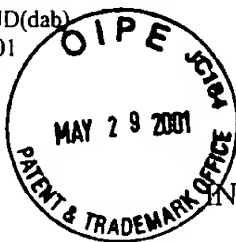


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 5 with the following paragraph:



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)	(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)	(COL. 4)	(COL. 5)
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TOTAL	57	MINUS	* 57	0
INDEP	18	MINUS	** 18	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

\* not fewer than 20  
\*\* not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$9	\$
X \$40	\$
+ \$135	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$18	\$ 0
X \$80	\$ 0
+ \$270	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for the following fees:

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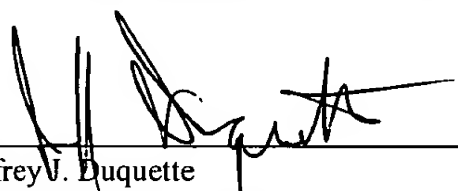
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☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

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